

Listing of Claims:

1. – 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A spray gun having a paint jetting part for jetting pressure paint in atomized state and air jetting means for forming a covering air flow surrounding the periphery of atomized paint jetted from the paint jetting part, whereby the pressure paint is atomized by friction to air outside the paint jetting part, comprising:

a body frame having a length, a front end, a rear end, and an air intake adjacent to the rear end for receiving compressed air;

an air ventilation path for flowing the compressed air from the air intake to the air jetting means;

an air valve adjacent to the rear end for opening and closing the air ventilation path, the air jetting means being mounted at the front end of the body frame and having a ring-shaped nozzle having a central axis and more than two nozzle holes terminating at an outer surface of the nozzle, the nozzle holes being circumferentially spaced from one another in the ring-shaped nozzle, each of the nozzle holes having a central axis that is rotated around a line extending radially from the central axis of the ring-shaped nozzle and is inclined relative to the central axis of the ring-shaped nozzle arranged at a fixed pitch in the circumferential direction of the ring-shaped nozzle at a fixed pitch, the nozzle holes receiving air from the air ventilation path and guiding the air to rotate around the center of the ring-shaped nozzle;

the paint jetting part including a paint valve mounted at the center of the ring-shaped nozzle, the paint valve extending forwardly from the front end of the body frame to a paint

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outlet that is positioned forward of the nozzle holes of the ring-shaped nozzle of the air jetting means;

a lever operating member mounted between the front end and the rear end of the body frame for human operation; and

an interlocking means responsive to operation of the lever operating member for opening and closing both the air valve and the paint valve.

5. (Previously presented) A spray gun as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

a bar prehension part extending along and rearward of the lever operating member and having a hollow cylindrical member and a connecting member to be connected to a paint feeding hose, whereby the pressure paint from the feeding hose passes through the hollow cylindrical member and reaches the paint valve, the bar prehension part adapted to be grasped together with the lever operating member.

6. (Previously presented) A spray gun as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

an air intake for the air ventilation path, the air intake being positioned rearward of the bar prehension part.